

Spectrum

35th Signal Brigade

Families enjoy organizational day

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The 35th Signal Brigade Organizational Day went off without a hitch on July 31. Despite a temperature easing toward a sweltering 95 degrees on Barton Field, it didn't hinder the Soldiers and Families from getting out and enjoying the fun, food, and games.

Command Sgt. Maj. Angel Ramos, 67th Signal Battalion command sergeant major opened the ceremony by thanking everyone for attending and emphasizing the im-

Food, fun fellowship

portance of safety. Stay hydrated he said.

After the invocation by Maj. Gary Williams, 35th Sig. Bde. chaplain, the festivities began with the championship football game between Company A, 67th Sig. Bn. and Headquarters Com-

pany 67th Sig. Bn. Company A made it an interesting contest but HHC pushed forward and took the victory. The volleyball competition came down to the 63rd Rear Detachment and Company C, 67th for the final game. HHC dug deep and nabbed the trophy with precision sets and perfectly executed spikes. "The team consisted of over 70 per cent of the company," said Capt. Jason Cody, 63rd Rear Detachment commander. Cody also went on to say, "Our guys worked really hard. Being a rear detachment with very few Soldiers it was just nice to take the win knowing that we didn't have the privilege of choosing team members." Basketball was a close race with it coming down to Company C 67th Sig. Bn. and HHC 67th Sig. Bn. in the finals. Company C took home the first place trophy at the end of the day.

Volunteers and workers from Child and Youth Services and the 35th Signal Brigade Family Readiness Group were on hand with games and activities for the children. The ac-



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Representatives from each company in the 67th Signal Battalion present the company's guidon before activities began for the 35th Signal Brigade's Organizational day activities July 31 on Barton Field.

tivities on hand were temporary tattoos and an inflatable castle with a slide. Games included an egg on a spoon race, a cup walking race, a sack race, a three legged race, and musical chairs. Ribbons were also given to the children who participated in these events. The cookout was provided by funds from the Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation and the Family Readiness Groups. Prepped by Soldiers from Din-

ing Facility 13, cooked by volunteers, and served by leaders from across the brigade it was the perfect meal for the perfect day.

Another activity that was both enjoyable to watch and to participate in was the dunk tank. For a dollar a throw, anyone had the satisfaction of watching his or her superior take a splash. Lt. Col. Peter Tragakis 67th Sig. Bn. Commander and Capt. Kenneth

Stallings, HHC 35th Sig. Bde. Commander were just two of the key leaders that volunteered to take the plunge that day.

The day ended with trophies being presented to the winning teams. Capt. Jamar Wright, Company C 67th Sig. Bn. commander was awarded the coveted Commanders Cup with his company finishing with the highest point total in volleyball, basketball, and football combined.



Tionna Washington peeks through a window in the inflatable castle



(Above left) Command Sgt. Maj. Angel Ramos serves food to service members and their Families during the organizational day event. (Above right) Other leaders take their turns volunteering at the serving tent.



(Above) The potato sack race was a big hit as children of all ages hopped to the finish line. (Below) HHC 67th Sig. Bn. (black jerseys) demonstrate their offensive power as they maneuver down the field on the way to besting the field of competitors to take the first place finish in the flag football tournament



(Above and left) Competition, though friendly was intense, as the 63rd Rear Detachment and Company C, 67th team members throw themselves into the final game in the volleyball contest.